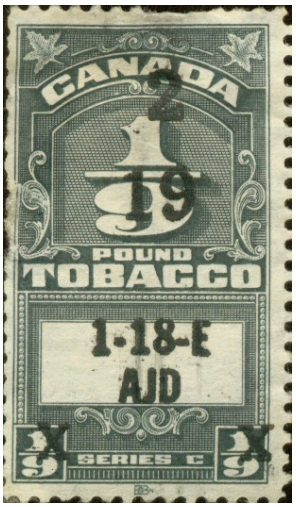
--- 2/19th Pound - “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton —

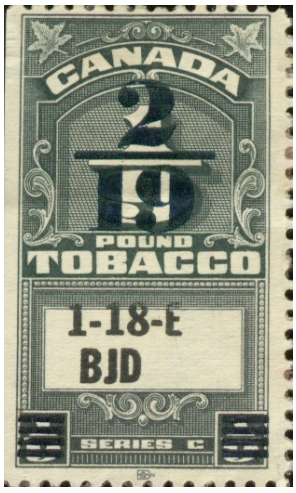
When the 1st Wartime Budget of September 1939 increased the *excise duty* on manufactured tobacco from 20¢ to 25¢ per pound, the companies reduced their package sizes and the 1/9th pound RN-30 was overprinted by “Tuckett Tobacco” with central 5 mm. black Roman figures (without a fraction bar). The bottom corners were cancelled with 5 mm. black **X**’s as **RN-49**.



RN-49 - **2 19** on 1/9th pound, perf 11, coded **1-18-E / AJD** by “Tuckett Tobacco” in October 1939

[RN-49]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**AJD**	---	---

At the same time the 1/9th pound RN-30 was overprinted by BABN with 6 mm. dark blue Roman figures as the 2/19th pound provisional **RN-53**.



RN-53 - **2/19** on 1/9th pound, perf 11, coded **1-18-E / BJD** by “Tuckett Tobacco” in November 1939

[RN-53]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**BJD**	**CJD**
1940	**AKA**	---	**CKA**	**AKB**	---	**CKB**	**AKC**	**BKC**	---	---	---	---
1941	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1942	---	---	---	**AMB**	**BMB**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

By May 1940 BABN had the definitive 2/19th pound **RN-27** ready for circulation. The hidden letters on the stamp are (I-B).

RN-27 - 2/19th pound, perf 11, coded **1-18-E / CKD** by "Tuckett Tobacco" in December 19 40

[RN-27]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1940	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**BKD**	**CKD**
1941	---	---	---	**ALB**	**BLB**	**CLB**	---	---	**CLC**	---	---	**CLD**
1942	---	---	---	**AMB**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

To keep production running, when the Budget of June 1942 was tabled, Tuckett Tobacco produced the following, listed as **RN-91**. Already pre-coded **1-18-E / CMB** for June 1942 (for use under the June 1940 Budget) RN-27 was *hand-stamped* in three-lines of purple ink with **2 ct / EXCISE / TAX**.

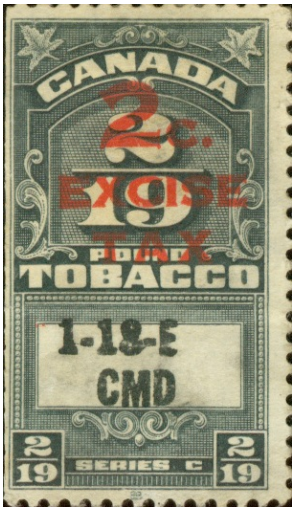
RN-91 - 2/19th pound, perf 11, coded **1-18-E / CMB** by "Tuckett Tobacco" in December 1940

When the Budget of June 1942 (while maintaining the *excise duty* at 35¢ per pound) imposed an added *excise tax* of 1¢ per ounce, or fraction thereof, on manufactured tobacco "Tuckett Tobacco" finally surcharged their *on-hand* sheets of RN-27 with their tall E's 3 mm. three-line red Gothic **2¢ / EXCISE / TAX** as **RN-120**. The black surcharge also occurs in December 1942 as **RN-129**.

M-613 - RN-27 surcharged **2¢ / EXCISE / TAX** by "Tuckett Tobacco" for the June 1942 Budget, coded **1-18-E / CMD** for December 1942

[RN-120]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1942	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	CMD
[RN-129]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1942	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	CMD

For general distribution under the 1942 Budget BABN surcharged their remaining sheets of RN-27 with a three line 6 and 3 mm red Gothic **2c. / EXCISE / TAX** as **RN-140**.



RN-140 - M-545 surcharged **2c. / EXCISE / TAX** by BABN for the June 1942 Budget, coded **1-18-E / CMD** by "Tuckett Tobacco", Hamilton, in December 1942

[RN-140]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1942	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	CMD
1943	ANA	BOA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	—	---	---

When the Budget of March 1943 doubled the *excise tax* to 2¢ per ounce (or fraction thereof) "Tuckett Tobacco" re-surcharged their *on-hand* sheets of RN-140 as the company provisional **RN-181**.

To keep production moving, sheets already prepared for use under the 1942 Budget, coded **1-18-E / COA** in March 1943, were *hand-stamped* with a sloppy 6 mm. light blue **4¢** as **RN-171**, later in the week they were *stencilled* with **4¢** plus **1-18-E / COA** on top of **1-18-E / COA**. Finally undated copies were *stencilled* with **4¢** plus **1-18-E / AOB**. The illustrated *hand-stamped* copy of **RN-171** was already coded, under the June 1942 Budget, for March 1943.

RN-171 **RN-181**

[RN-181]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1943	---	**BOA**	**COA**	**AOB**	---	—	---	---	---	---	---	---

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Under the Budget of March 1943 BABN re-surcharged sheets of RN-140 with a dark blue 6 mm. Gothic **4c.** killer as **RN-201**.

RN-201 - RN-140 re-surcharged **4c.** by BABN for the March 1943 Budget, coded **1-18-E / AOB** by "Tuckett Tobacco" in April 1943

[RN-201]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1943	---	---	---	**AOB**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Under the Budget of March 1943 BABN surcharged the 2/19th pound RN-27 with their usual three line red Gothic **4c. / EXCISE / TAX** as **RN-217**. The stamp saw little to no use at Tuckett Tobacco, until it appears briefly in 1947.

RN-217 - RN-27 surcharged **4c. / EXCISE / TAX** by BABN for the March 1943 Budget,
coded **1-18-E / CVB** by "Tuckett Tobacco" in June 1947

[RN-217]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1943	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1944	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1945	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1946	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1947	---	---	---	---	---	**CVB**	**AVC**	---	---	---	**BVD**	---

Apparently this was the *end-of-use* for the 2/19th pound stamp by "Tuckett Tobacco".

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